GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:268
ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008
ALLOCATION OF INDUS WATER TO GUJARAT
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan;Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar;Solanki Shri Bhupendrasinh Prabhatsinh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Gujarat recently for including Kutch region in the Indus basin and reallocating Indus water proportionately to the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Hon`ble Minister of Water Supply, Water Resources, Urban Development and Urban Housing, Government of Gujarat has written a letter dated 07.02.08 to the Hon`ble Union Minister of Water Resources regarding allocation of Indus water to Kachchh region of Gujarat. He has referred to earlier letter dated 23.03.04 from Hon`ble Chief Minister of Gujarat in the matter and letter dated 01.08.05 from his predecessor, requesting for appropriate action by Central Government for allocation of Indus water (i.e. Ravi-Beas-Sutlej water). He has requested for an early decision.

Hon`ble Union Minister of Water Resources has responded to the above letter on 18.03.08 indicating the water issues amongst the present beneficiary States of Eastern Rivers, some of which are before the Hon`ble Supreme Court including a Presidential Reference on the Punjab Termination of Agreement Act, 2004 enacted by Punjab Vidhan Sabha, whose outcome is awaited. Under the circumstances, till the existing issues get resolved and the present beneficiary States are in a position on spare some water, it might not be appropriate to open any issue for reallocation of water.